

Takayama Autumn Festival (Hachiman Matsuri)

October 9, 2018 – October 10, 2018

Yatai Float Festival were registered on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List
Since Dec.1st,2016

Welcome to Takayama Autumn Festival in 2018.

Even though the origin of the festival is unknown, it is believed that the festival started between 1586 and 1692 when the Kanamori family governed the Hida Takayama area. Takayama Festival is regarded as one of the three most beautiful festivals in Japan. The predominant reason for this is that the main attractions of the Takayama Festival are the magnificent Yatai or festival floats, which have been preserved for about 300 years.

All floats are beautifully decorated with carvings, dolls, elaborately woven thick curtains, lacquerware, and bamboo blinds. These exquisite decorations are found not only on the outside where they are seen by the crowds, but also on the inside, such as under the roof and behind the doors, where elaborate carvings can be found.

October 9, 2018

- 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibition of the yatai:
- One float at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- Ten floats on Omotesando Street
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m. Karakuri Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Goshinko procession – The local transport the mikoshi portable shrine (without floats).
- 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Four floats are towed through the town.
- 2:00 p.m.-2:20 p.m. Karakuri Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Night Festival – Eleven floats parade
- 9:00 p.m. Floats return to their storehouses.
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October 10, 2018

- 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Goshinko procession – The local transport the mikoshi portable shrine (without floats).
- 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m. Exhibition of the yatai:
- One float at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- Ten floats on Omotesando Street etc.
- 11:00 a.m.-11:20 a.m. Karakuri Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:00 p.m.-1:20 p.m. Karakuri Marionette Performance at Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine
- 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Goshinko procession – The local transport a portable shrine (without floats).
- 4:00 p.m. Floats return to their storehouses.

Incase of a rainy day or it is likely to rain, floats stay inside of each storehouse.

Please do not touch the floats, and do not disturb the procession.



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Sakurayama Hachimangu Shrine



Remark :

 Float Storehouse

 Information

 Marionette Performance

 Day Parade (Only on 9th)

 Night Parade (Only on 9th)